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SUBJECT: TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION OCT 1 MEETING OF THE  
US SPANISH COUNCIL

1. IN SPEAKING FOR THE SPANISH NATIONAL RADIO SEPT 21 IN  
CONNECTION WITH THE EXCHANGE OF INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION OF THE  
TREATY, FOREIGN MINISTER OREJA REPORTEDLY STATED THAT HE WOULD MEET  
WITH THE SECRETARY AND THAT THEY WOULD PRESIDE OVER THE "CONSTITUTION  
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OF THE US SPANISH COUNCIL IN WASHINGTON ON OCT 1 (THIS IN THE  
CONTEXT OF SETTING FORTH VARIOUS DETAILS OF HIS  
SCHEDULE BOTH IN NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON).

2. THE REFERENCE TO "CONSTITUTION OF THE US SPANISH COUNCIL  
REPEATS THE THEME USED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN IN A  
STATEMENT ON SEPT 17, A STATEMENT WHICH HAD NOT MENTIONED THE  
SPECIFIC DATE OF THE COUNCIL MEETING. THAT EARLIER STATEMENT HAD  
POINTELDLY NOTED THAT THE SEAT OF THE COUNCIL IS MADRID.

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3. (COMMENT: THESE PUBLIC STATEMENTS REFLECT THE FOREIGN

MINISTRY'S STRONG PREFERENCE THAT THIS MEETING OF THE COUNCIL BE TREATED NOT AS THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION BUT AS A SESSION TO CONSTITUTE THE COUNCIL. THIS APPROACH REFLECTS SENSITIVITY TO POSSIBLE CRITICISM HERE FOR MEETING IN WASHINGTON INITIALLY WHEN THE SEAT OF THE COUNCIL IS IN MADRID).

4. SPEAKING OF THE TREATY ITSELF, OREJA RECALLED THE GIST OF HIS TESTIMONY ON THE TREATY TO THE SPANISH CORTES (PARLIAMENT ) WHICH HAD HIGHLIGHTED THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS AGREEMENT BEING A TREATY ONE, HE RECALLED WHICH "SIGNIFIES SPANISH PARTICIPATION IN THE WESTERN DEFENSE SYSTEM VIA THE UNITED STATES. " AND WHICH MAKES THE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES MOST IMPORTANT BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP. WE ALSO NOTED AGAIN THAT THE TREATY PROVIDES FOR THE "DUNCLEARIZATION OF SPAIN" BEGINNING IN 1979.

5. ASKED IF THE TREATY HAD ANY SIGNIFICANCE WITH REGARD TO THE CHANGES OCCURRING IN SPAIN. OREJA IS REPORTED TO HAVE NOTED THE MUTUALITY OF US AND SPANISH INTERESTS IN THIS ASSOCIATION SINCE 1953 AND TO HAVE CALLED ATTENTION TO THE SECRETARY'S REMARKS MADE AT THE SIGNING CEREMONY ON JAN 24.  
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